

Apply by August 12, 2026



Helping Food Entrepreneurs Thrive

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO FOOD ENTERPRISE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM



FEAST helps food entrepreneurs in Northwestern Ontario move from farmers' market vendors to scalable, commercial food businesses. Over 9 to 12 months, participants get hands on business support, shared commercial kitchen access, and cost shared funding to grow a value-added food product into a viable operation.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Start ups and existing businesses located in Northwestern Ontario
- Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs in the region
- Businesses manufacturing, or aiming to manufacture, value added food products (baked goods, preserves, prepared foods)
- Able to commit to the full 9 to 12 month program, operating a minimum of 30 hours per week
- Not eligible: resale operations, restaurants and fresh food sellers

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Kitchen access delivered through Seven Generations Education Institute in Kenora
- Access up to \$1,500 worth of commercial kitchen space and storage (dry and frozen) subject to availability.
- Hands on coaching and business advisory support for 9 to 12 months
- Up to \$5,000 in reimbursement funding at a 50% cost share rate

For more info, visit: www.nwoinnovation.ca/feast

PROGRAM FEE & KEY DATES

Program fee: \$225, one time, payable once accepted into the program

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CONTACT & APPLY

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